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SUBJ: PHILIPPINE PRM

1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM MILITARY GRAPEVINE THAT PRM ON PHILIPPINES IS SCHEDULED FOR "WHITE HOUSE REVIEW" APRIL 21. I AM NOT SURE WHAT THIS MEANS, BUT I FIND PROSPECT DISTURBING.

2. MY CONCERN STEMS FROM MY THOROUGHLY NEGATIVE REACTION TO PRM DRAFT WHICH YOU SENT ME. WHILE THE NARRATIVE IS EXCELLENT, THE "OPTIONS" ARE ABSOLUTELY PHONEY. THEY ARE INTENDED TO DECEIVE THE PRESIDENT INTO BELIEVING THAT HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW PENTAGON DESIRES.

3. FOR EXAMPLE, OPTION C REMOVES FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FROM CLARK. THEY ARE THE ONLY VALID AIRCRAFT THERE. IT IS THE MAC OPERATION WHICH SHOULD BE DISMANTLED.

4. SECONDLY, THE QUESTION OF RENT VS MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN SUPERCILIOUS TREATMENT. THERE IS NO RPT NO REALISTIC REASON TO OPPOSE CASH RENT, AND THE MILITARY
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METAPHYSICS ARGUED IN THE PRM ARE LUDICROUS.

5. I HAVE SENT YOU A LETTER ON ALL THIS BUT IT MAY NOT ARRIVE BEFORE APRIL 21. MOREOVER, I HAVE HAD MY STAFF DRAFT A REALISTIC "OPTION E" FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CONSIDERATION. I INTEND TO GIVE A COPY TO DICK HOLBROOKE WHEN HE IS HERE.

6. FOR ALL THESE REASONS, I STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU DELAY
APRIL 21 REVIEW. IT SHOULD AT VERY LEAST WAIT UNTIL
HOLBROOKE HAS RETURNED FROM HIS VISIT HERE.

7. NOTE EA ONLY CAPTION.
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